


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendment to Claims 23 and therefore the adding of new claim 24, be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS:

23. (Amended) The program product as defined in Claim 20 [or 21], wherein said program product further comprises the steps of:

(i) enabling said mediator server to generate a registration number to be assigned to said service provider prior to recording said service offering registration information on said database, to record the generated service provider registration number together with said service offering registration information said database, and to send said service provider registration number to said provider terminal; and

(j) enabling said mediator server to generate a registration number to be assigned to said service purchaser prior to recording said purchaser identification information on said database, to record the generated service purchaser registration number together with said purchaser identification information on said database, and to send said service purchaser registration number to said purchaser terminal.